# Porter County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time

	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	125,059	135,772	146,253	151,521	162,181
Change Since 1988		10,713	21,194	26,462	37,122
Pct. Change Since 1988		8.6%	16.9%	21.2%	29.7%
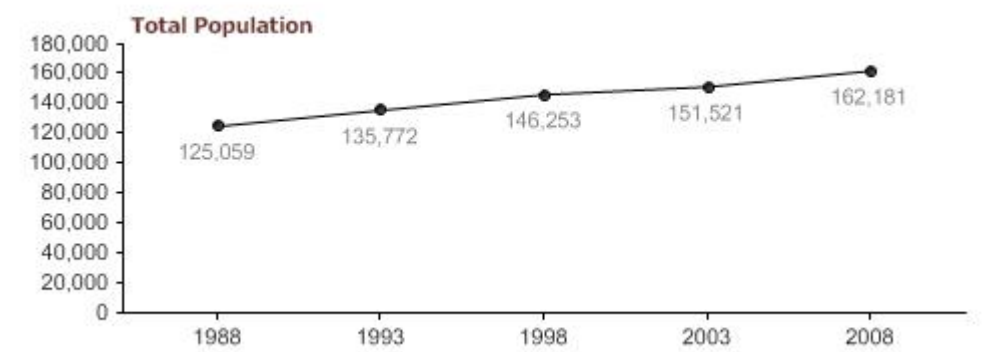
Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	914
International Migration	108
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	807
Births	2,000
Deaths	1,193

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	9,781	6.1%
School Age	28,354	17.7%
College Age	16,295	10.2%

Young Adult	42,547	26.5%
Older Adult	45,046	28.1%
Older (65 plus)	18,555	11.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	410	0.3%
Asian Alone	1,723	1.1%
Black Alone	4,538	2.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	37	0.0%
White Alone	152,311	95.0%
Two or More Race Groups	1,559	1.0%

Population by Race

95.04 % White
2.83 % Black
0.26 % Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
1.08 % Asian
0.02 % Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.97 % Two or More
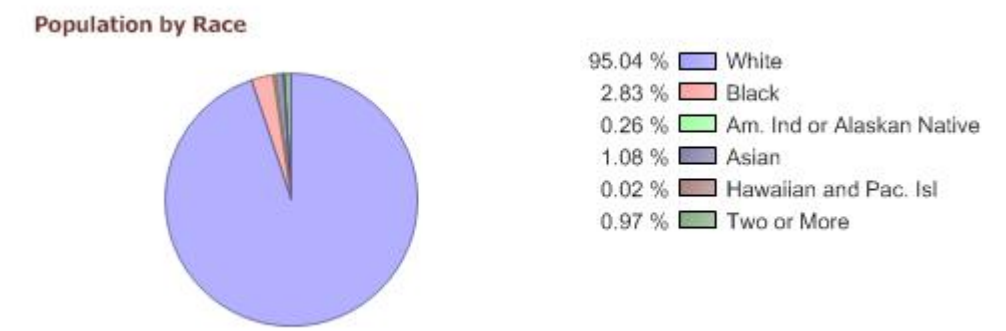
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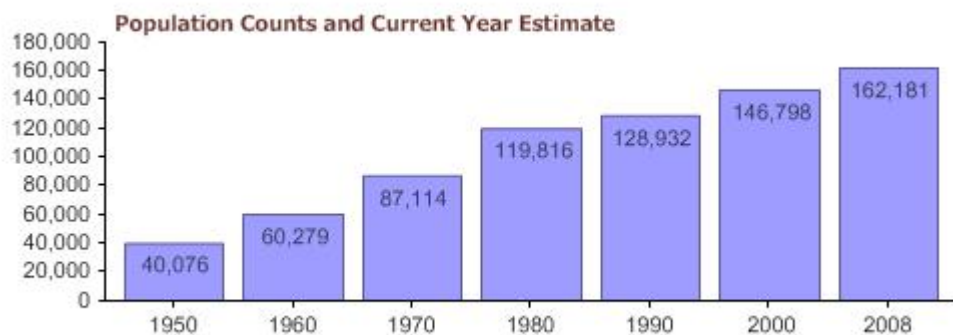|		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	150,086	93.6%
Hispanic or Latino	10,492	6.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	54,649	100.0%
Family Households	39,709	72.7%
Married with Children	15,098	27.6%
Married without Children	17,569	32.1%
Single Parents	4,029	7.4%
Other	3,013	5.5%
Non-family Households	14,940	27.3%
Living Alone	12,144	22.2%
Average Household Size	2.69	
Average Family Household Size	3.71	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

|	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	40,076	NA	NA
1960	60,279	20,203	50.4%
1970	87,114	26,835	44.5%
1980	119,816	32,702	37.5%
1990	128,932	9,116	7.6%

April 2000	146,798	17,866	13.9%
2008	162,181	15,383	10.5%

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Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	157,772	165,427	171,122	175,175	177,520
Change Since 2005		7,655	13,350	17,403	19,748
Pct. Change Since 2005		4.9%	8.5%	11.0%	12.5%

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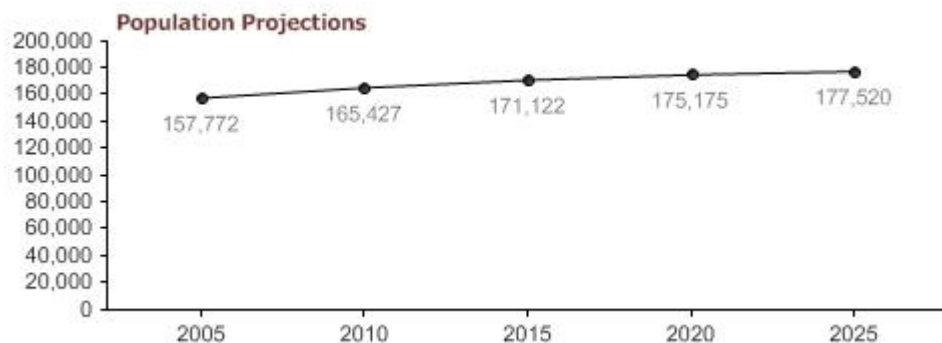
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